

REMARKS

Prior to entry of this response, claims 1 - 5 and 7 are pending. Claim 3 is canceled herein. Claims 1 and 7 are amended herein and no new matter is added by these amendments.

In the Office Action, the Examiner rejected claims 1 - 5 and 7 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter of the invention. Specifically, the Examiner argued that the phrase "a small article holding pocket formed on a part of a periphery of said small article mounting plate portion of said plug-in body" is inaccurate. Applicants have herein amended claim 1 to more clearly recite the invention. Applicants respectfully submit that this rejection has been overcome.

The Examiner rejected claims 1, 3, and 7 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by *Kessler et al.*, rejected claims 1 and 3 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by *Danielson et al.*, rejected claims 2, 4, and 5 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as unpatentable over *Kessler et al.* or *Danielson et al.*, and rejected claim 7 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as unpatentable over *Danielson et al.* in view of *Krock* or *Kessler et al.* Specifically, the Examiner argued that each of the *Kessler et al.* and *Danielson et al.* references disclose a tubular body with arch openings for engaging two flexible prongs in the plug-in body, a hole formed in the body, and a holding pocket formed on the mounting plate portion. Applicants respectfully traverse the Examiner's rejection.

Both *Kessler et al.* and *Danielson et al.* at least fail to disclose a small article holding pocket at least partially defined by a small article holding portion, said small article holding portion extending inwardly from an edge portion of said small article

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mounting plate portion and extending over at least a portion of said small article mounting plate portion, wherein a small article is capable of being mounted on said small article mounting plate portion and wherein said small article holding pocket is capable of receiving and holding at least a part of said small article, as recited in amended claim 1. Specifically, each of the references fails to at least disclose a small article holding portion that at least partially defines a small article holding pocket by extending inwardly from an edge portion of the small article mounting plate portion and by extending over at least a portion of the small article mounting plate portion. Instead, in both *Kessler et al.* and *Danielson et al.*, the "holding pocket" identified by the Examiner is merely an open cavity in the plug-in body. That is, there is no small article holding portion that at least partially defines the holding pocket. *Krock* fails to cure this deficiency. Thus, for at least this reason, claim 1, as well as claims 2, 4, 5, and 7, are allowable over the cited art.


In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and reexamination of this application and the timely allowance of the pending claims.

Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this response and charge any additional required fees to our Deposit Account 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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